

administrator. Number four, it clarifies that school principals only need to report to police crimes which are listed as grounds for expulsion in state statute 79-4. And then provides for automatic review of expulsions when they extend into a new school year. I know that we'll be...we'll have much discussion on this, but this is a summary of kind of the substantive changes of the committee amendments. And I move that we adopt the committee (sic).

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. There's an amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Withem would move to amend the committee amendments, Madam President. (Withem amendment appears on pages 799-800 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I circulated this amendment earlier. This, in essence, is the contents of LB 1248, it was heard by the Judiciary Committee and was advanced, I believe, unanimously with one very good change in the original contents of 1248 that Senator Pedersen had recommended to us. The background on this, there was a group of people, over the summer, that met to discuss the student discipline statute with an eye toward, quite frankly, strengthening the discipline statute so that schools would have abilities to discipline students. I was real pleased with the results of the task force. Given my biases on the issue I do believe that there does need to be a strengthening of the discipline code, but I went into it very fearful that we might end up with individuals just simply finding better and easier ways to kick kids out of school and send them out into society and become somebody else's problems. The committee did not do that. The committee, as we get into the heart of 1250, you will note there are a number of things that do strengthen the discipline statutes. But there is also an attempt to get parents and other agencies in the communities and schools themselves to provide services and alternative education opportunities for these young people. The specific element of 1250, because it deals with the probation system and the juvenile justice system, and now, thanks to Senator Pedersen, the adult justice system, because it deals with those we took a part of our recommendation, introduced it as a separate bill over in...so it would have a hearing in Judiciary Committee, so